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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

- 1 1. (currently amended) A method for selecting a core network for a communication
2 device comprising the steps of:
3 receiving at least one ~~core~~public land mobile network identifier (PLMNid);
4 selecting a ~~core network identifier~~PLMNid to form a selected public land mobile
5 core network identifier;
6 setting an indicator to indicate whether a substitute ~~core~~public land mobile
7 network is allowed;
8 determining whether the selected public land mobile core network identifier
9 corresponds to a shared network;
10 forming a registration request message containing the selected public land
11 mobile core network identifier;
12 including the indicator in the registration request message, if the selected public
13 land mobile core network identifier corresponds to a shared network; and
14 transmitting the registration request message.
2. (canceled)

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- 1 3. (currently amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein the step of selecting
2 includes the communication device automatically choosing the selected public land
3 mobile~~core~~ network identifier according to the following priority levels:
4 (1) registered public land mobile~~core~~ network,
5 (2) home public land mobile~~core~~ network,
6 (3) user-controlled list of public land mobile~~core~~ networks (~~in priority order~~),
7 (4) operator-controlled list of public land mobile~~core~~ networks (~~in priority~~
8 ~~order~~),
9 (5) public land mobile~~core~~ networks with sufficient received signal quality in
10 random order, and
11 (6) other public land mobile~~core~~ networks in order of received signal quality.

- 1 4. (currently amended) A method according to claim 3 wherein the step of setting
2 indicates that a substitute ~~core~~-public land mobile network is allowed when the selected
3 public land mobile~~core~~ network identifier is selected at priority level (5).

- 1 5. (currently amended) A method according to claim 3 wherein the step of setting
2 indicates that a substitute public land mobile~~core~~ network is allowed when the selected
3 public land mobile~~core~~ network identifier is selected at priority level (6).

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1 6. (currently amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein the step of selecting
2 includes the communication device presenting the at least one ~~core-network~~
3 ~~identifier~~ PLMNid to a user according to the following priority levels:

- 4 (1) registered public land mobile ~~core-network~~,
- 5 (2) home public land mobile ~~core-network~~,
- 6 (3) user-controlled list of public land mobile ~~core-networks~~ ~~(in priority order)~~,
- 7 (4) operator-controlled list of public land mobile ~~core-networks~~ ~~(in priority~~
8 ~~order)~~,
- 9 (5) public land mobile ~~core-networks~~ with sufficient received signal quality in
10 random order, and
- 11 (6) other public land mobile ~~core-networks~~ in order of received signal quality.

1 7. (currently amended) A method according to claim 6 wherein the step of selecting
2 further includes:
3 receiving a selected public land mobile ~~core~~ network identifier from the user.

1 8. (currently amended) A method according to claim 6 wherein the step of setting
2 comprises:
3 setting the indicator to indicate that a substitute public land mobile ~~core~~ network
4 is disallowed.

1 9. (currently amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein the step of setting
2 comprises:
3 setting the indicator to indicate that a substitute public land mobile ~~core~~ network
4 is disallowed.

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1 10. (currently amended) A method for selecting a public land mobile ~~core~~ network
2 for a communication device comprising the steps of:
3 receiving a registration request message;
4 extracting a selected public land mobile ~~core~~ network identifier from the
5 registration request message; and
6 determining if the registration request message includes an indicator indicating
7 whether a substitute public land mobile ~~core~~ network is allowed.

1 11. (currently amended) A method according to claim 10 further comprising the
2 steps of:
3 determining a substitute public land mobile ~~core~~ network, if the indicator
4 indicates that a substitute public land mobile ~~core~~ network is allowed; and
5 forwarding the registration request message to the substitute public land
6 mobile ~~core~~ network.

1 12. (currently amended) A method according to claim 10 wherein the substitute
2 public land mobile ~~core~~ network shares radio access resources with a core network
3 indicated by the selected core network identifier.

1 13. (currently amended) A method according to claim 10 wherein the substitute
2 public land mobile ~~core~~ network is a co public land mobile ~~re~~ network indicated by the
3 selected public land mobile ~~core~~ network identifier.

1 14. (currently amended) A method according to claim 10 wherein the substitute
2 public land mobile ~~core~~ network is not a public land mobile ~~core~~ network indicated by
3 the selected public land mobile ~~core~~ network identifier.

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1 15. (currently amended) A method according to claim 10 further comprising the step
2 of:
3 forwarding the registration request message to a public land mobile network
4 identified by the selected public land mobile network identifier, if the indicator
5 indicates that a substitute public land mobile network is not allowed.

1 16. (currently amended) A method according to claim 10 further comprising the step
2 of:
3 forwarding the registration request message to a public land mobile network
4 identified by the selected public land mobile network identifier, if the registration
5 request message does not include an indicator.

1 17. (original) A method for selecting a public land mobile network (PLMN) for user
2 equipment (UE) comprising the steps of:
3 receiving at least one PLMN identifier (PLMNid);
4 selecting a PLMNid to form a selected PLMNid;
5 setting an indicator to indicate whether a substitute PLMN is allowed;
6 determining whether the selected PLMNid corresponds to a shared radio access
7 network (RAN);
8 forming a registration request message with the selected PLMNid;
9 including the indicator in the registration request message, if the selected
10 PLMNid corresponds to a shared RAN; and
11 transmitting the registration request message from the UE.

1 18. (original) The method according to claim 17 wherein the step of setting
2 comprises:
3 setting the indicator to indicate that a substitute PLMN is disallowed when the
4 UE is in manual network selection mode.

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- 1 19. (original) The method according to claim 17 wherein the step of setting
2 comprises:
3 setting the indicator to indicate that a substitute PLMN is disallowed when the
4 UE automatically selects a PLMNid that corresponds to a registered PLMN (RPLMN) of
5 the UE, a home PLMN (HPLMN) of the UE, a PLMN on a user-controlled list of
6 PLMNs, or a PLMN on an operator-controlled list of PLMNs.
- 1 20. (original) A method according to claim 17 further comprising the steps of:
2 receiving the registration request message at a radio access network (RAN);
3 extracting the selected PLMNid from the registration request message; and
4 determining if the registration request message includes the indicator.
- 1 21. (original) The method according to claim 20 further comprising the steps of:
2 determining a substitute PLMN, if the indicator indicates that a substitute PLMN
3 is allowed; and
4 forwarding the registration request message to the substitute PLMN.
- 1 22. (original) The method according to claim 21 wherein the substitute PLMN shares
2 radio access resources with a PLMN indicated by the selected PLMNid.

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- 1 23. (currently amended) A method for selecting a ~~core~~public land mobile network
2 for a communication device comprising the steps of:
3 receiving at least one ~~core~~public land mobile network identifier;
4 selecting a ~~core~~public land mobile network identifier to form a selected
5 ~~core~~public land mobile network identifier;
6 setting an indicator to indicate whether a substitute ~~core~~public land mobile
7 network is allowed;
8 forming a registration request message containing the selected ~~core~~public land
9 mobile network identifier;
10 including the indicator in the registration request message; and
11 transmitting the registration request message.
- 1 24. (new) A method according to claim 6 wherein the priority level (3) user-
2 controlled list of public land mobile networks is presented in priority order.